Prime Minister's National Council on Skill Development, an apex body for policy direction and review, has set a target to train 500 million persons by 2022.

(c) and (d) Prime Minister's National Council on Skill Development in its meeting had on 3.11.2008 has adopted Vision, Strategy and Core Principles; of which Para 2(e) states ".. If we need to game change delivery, an alternative model could be to make available every public institution, numbering over 2 lakhs in the country, above the high school level, after class hours for skill development by the private sector. Necessary regulations could be brought in by the local management authority of the particular educational institution...."

**Retrenchment due to Economic Recession**

954. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that companies resorted to retrenching workers as a result of the economic recession;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any mechanism to monitor the job loss of workers in the private sector due to retrenchment; and

(d) if so, details of the number of workers retrenched during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) No exhaustive survey/study has been conducted regarding retrenchment of employees due to economic slowdown. However, a sample study has been conducted by the Labour Bureau, Chandigarh to assess the impact of economic slowdown on employment in various sectors like Mining, Textiles, Metals, Gems and Jewellery, Automobile, Transport and IT/BPO for the period October-December, 2008 in the country. According to the Study, the total employment in all the sectors covered by the survey went down from 16.2 million during September, 2008 to 15.7 million during December, 2008 resulting in job loss of about half a million persons.

(c) and (d) Labour Bureau, Shimla compiles data with regard to job loss of workers in the organized sector (both in private and public sector) based on the returns submitted by the State and Central agencies. As per the report on effect of Economic Slowdown on Employment in India, the estimated loss of employment in mining, textiles, metals, gems and jewellery, automobile, and transport sectors during October-December, 2008 is 567021.

**Study on impact of climate change and global warming**

955. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether unprecedented rains and floods in various parts of the country are due to climate change/global warming;

(b) if so, the details thereof;